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GASOLINE BECOMES A WAR COMMODITY.

There was a time when the demands of a country in its preparation for war included only the necessary men, the mules, horses, arms, ammunition, food and clothing. They were all indispensable and when they were supplied the fighting started.

But a new commodity has entered into the war game, by reason of the new and improved machinery that is being used. The guns are just as necessary and there must be men and ammunition, but there must also be gasoline. Horses are still used and the dependable mule goes to war the same as before, but in smaller numbers. No nation would think of going to war now, however, without a plentiful supply of gasoline. The motive power of the automobile, the aeroplane and the submarine is involved.

Right at this time England is trying to create in Germany another commodity famine that is entirely outside of all these. Almost all the rubber in the world, an annual output of 70,000 tons, is produced in the British empire. The only exceptions to this English control of rubber are a few plantations in the Dutch East Indies and a small production by Americans. In the past all rubber has been taken to London, whence a large amount was transhipped to Germany. Today no rubber may be shipped from England without a special license. Meanwhile a large amount of rubber has been furnished by England to her allies. There have been enormous shipments within the past three months to Russia, where rubber has been utilized for army snowshoes. The demand for tires from the allied armies is continuous. Germany's only hope is in a supply of rubber gathered before the war, a supply perhaps provided through the customary precedence of the Kaiser's military organization.

It is said to be possible that a shortage of rubber may result in ending the war. The gasoline may hold out, but the warring nations are not so sanguine about the supply of rubber tires.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF TRADE

It has been suggested by several leading American citizens that even before peace is restored there should be an international relations commission, appointed on the basis of population from each country, to protect trade routes and international cables.

The purpose of the commission would be to remove barriers between nations, arrange shipping, immigration, tariff and other subjects with justice to all, based on the idea that the European war is at bottom a war for commercial control and therefore is not to be settled until some practical form of joint control of the seas and means of communication is devised.

The Americas of some of the nations are so tremendous that any scheme of holding them in check appears to be futile. At least that has been the experience of the race for many thousands of years and though there have been mitigations of the evils of warfare the tendency to go to war is so strong that no scheme of the best-intentioned men makes total headway.

It does not appear that progress toward permanent peace is made by direct appeal, so to speak. More has been accomplished through the expansion of civilization which has been promoted for the sake of the individual life and soul than through measures to accomplish the direct and simple.

Perhaps we shall some day realize that the way to bring the greatest blessings on mankind is to work for the things that do the most good to the individual in the first place, rather than for measures which seem as they seem on their face, lack the force of public opinion to make them work.

THEY CANNOT BE STARS IN BOTH

It is being pretty well demonstrated that the stars of the legitimate stage cannot step aside into the moving pictures, take all the glory away from the movie stars and then go back unscathed to the regular stage.

A case in point is that of Ethel Barrymore, who recently dived into filmdom to her sorrow. Miss Barrymore has for some time been a strong drawing card as a regular star. She has made a great deal of money for Charles Frohman and when she first appeared in vaudeville at the Palace theater in New York the Barrymore following was there.

A couple of weeks ago Miss Barrymore resappeared at the Palace. While it would not do to say that nobody noticed she was there, it is certainly true that her engagement created very little stir, and for the most part merely added to the enjoyment of the regular patrons of the theater.

The Barrymore line at the box office was not in evidence. This is explained unhesitatingly by managers. All over New York, alongside of the Barrymore line, the Barrymore engagement

at the Palace, there appeared other and frequently larger posters announcing in the regulation way of appearance of Miss Barrymore in "A Japanese Nightingale."

There was nothing to indicate that one show bill announced the exhibition of picture films of Miss Barrymore at ten cents admission, in many small theaters simultaneously, and the other the appearance of the artist herself at a large salary in the smartest vaudeville theater in the world. The precious essence of the advertising was lost.

It is stated that this condition of affairs has become so marked on the road that managers in smaller cities, when advertising the appearance of stars who have succumbed to the temptation of the film producers' cash, have occasionally been driven to the necessity of placarding their houses with announcements that it is not a picture show.

It also announced that the managers intend to cut the percentages of those who appear in the moving pictures. They have found that the two do not work well together.

HEARING THE CRY OF RAILROADS.

At last the federal administration has heard the cry of the railroads to the effect that they have been given an unfair deal for several years. The commerce commission is said to have yielded to pressure and the increase in freight rates has been granted. Interstate passenger rates are already being advanced.

There is a tendency in some quarters to decry this process of helping the railroads, the argument being advanced that prosperity will not be induced by taking money out of the pockets of some of the nation, meaning the patrons of the railroads, and putting it into the pockets of others of the nation, meaning the railroads themselves.

But if one part of the nation has been compelled by the rest of the nation to conduct its business at a loss—which is claimed by the railroads to have been the case—proper adjustment of relations among all parts of the public body ought to result in improved general health.

While the country is about the task of adjustment, it should by all means pay careful attention to the matter of mail transportation. The railroads make the deliberate statement that they are underpaid for this service to such a degree that they will lose by it upward of \$8,000,000 this very year.

They assert that during the first six months of the system's operation they carried the entire parcel post without any payment whatever, and that since July, 1913, irregular and inadequate compensation has been allowed, while even now the roads are carrying the package mail in the middle west, New England and the southeast without pay except for an arbitrary five per cent allowance in some instances where weighings have shown it should be at least twenty per cent and possibly twenty-five per cent.

TAKE GREAT INTEREST IN FARMING.

Modern farming is of personal interest, not only to farmers, but to those who care for farm products, and that includes almost everything that we eat and wear.

New York is doing much to educate the farmer to his profession. Institutes, fairs and schools are all admirably worked to that end, but it is possible that some people outside of the institutions of learning get ideas and work them out, especially in the west, in a way that is not followed elsewhere.

The County Agent reports a community where on careful study it was found difficult to keep communities supplied with the best seed for certain crops, even when the best seed had once been introduced into the community. The reason was that soft winter wheat and hard winter wheat were grown in the same locality at the same time and the mixing injured both when they were harvested and sent to be graded.

The same difficulty was found with respect to seeds on which other crops are based and so county after county is making a business of having a certain kind of grain best adapted raised in those counties and not have them affected by others growing at the same time.

This does not mean that there is any defect of rotation in crops. That is carried on as a matter of course in every intelligent farm community, but pains are taken not to have two or three kinds of seed of the same plant or grain growing near each other at the same time.

The truth of the matter is that the growing of grain and other products is becoming one of the most interesting occupations in the world. There is no technical training that is above it or too intellectual for it.

BEING UNFAIR TO THE NEWSPAPERS.

Not only has the government been unfair to the railroads, but it continues to be unfair to the newspapers in more ways than one. It is one of the inconsistent things about the government that after passing a law which requires a newspaper to mark as paid matter every article that is published in praise of a business house. At the same time the government itself sends out from various departments all kinds of copy summarizing the work of the department, even indulging in eulogy of themselves and expects the newspaper to print those articles free of charge and of course not mark them as paid advertising.

There is something of a difference between the business house and the government, it is true, but simply because the taxpayer supports the government and therefore it does not have to buy and sell and make gain to support itself.

But there is no difference between the department of government which sends out printed matter for its own glory, as well as for the information of the people and at the same time punishes the same newspapers if they happen to print an article in praise of a private concern without marking it paid.

There is much force in the criticism of that policy that is expressed in the recent number of Newspaperdom. Both federal and state officials take advantage of newspapers under the guise of offering papers to taxpayers and perhaps some day they will be more considerate in their regulations on that subject.

It is an unfair use of power that is made by government in pursuit of this policy.

France is expending \$200,000,000 a month on the war. Germany and Russia are not exhausting less of their wealth on it and Great Britain is not far behind. The much-vaunted riches of Europe will be more of a memory than a fact when the war ends.

PEANUTS IN THE ROASTER

A young woman who presumably is unmarried, since she is known as Miss Todd, says a great many of us do not sleep properly, and she wants to institute some reforms along that line.

It is the theory of this reformer that we clutch the head of the bedstead or the covers and keep the muscles strained while we sleep, when as a matter of fact we should be fully relaxed.

We desire to announce that Miss Todd is very much mistaken as far as the men are concerned. The average man lies flat on his back, and spreading himself out over as much of the bed as he can, he snores to beat the band.

It cannot be said, though, that he spreads himself out any flatter than



some of those who tried to traverse the slippery sidewalk today and failed ignominiously in their efforts to get anywhere.

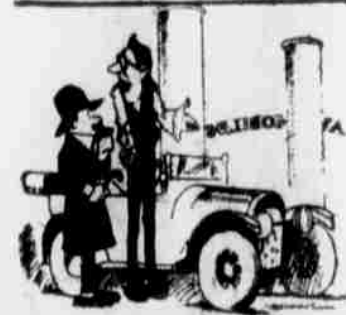
But if it wasn't for preventing the paper from going through the postoffice we would like to inquire how Miss Todd knows so much about the subject, especially as far as the men are concerned?

And in addition to his other duties the traffic policeman today found himself burdened with the work of picking up those who had slipped.

There is no way of knowing how far Miss Todd's knowledge extends, but it is a fact that men who are perfectly respectable in their waking hours put up a snore when they are asleep for which they could easily be arrested.

Others pull the covers, too, and wrap themselves in the blankets, and still there will be found occasionally one who wonders why women leave home.

But this is one day in the year when many of us do not reprove because we do not own an automobile



and it is also a day when the automobile salesman finds himself facing a proposition that is entirely too tough for him.

We imagine it would be about as easy to sell an automobile today as it has been for the war correspondents of the Saturday Evening Post to make the European conflict seem funny, and everybody knows that has been a total failure.

And having failed to give the war a humorous aspect, our guess is that Colonel Turner will send a few soldiers over to see what they can do with it.

A soldier who knows her business can at least create more interest in the magazine than Colonel Cobb and Colonel Piccini have succeeded in doing.

But still we are thankful that nobody has called on Walt Mason to embody the war in that jerky rhyme with which he has so far managed to get by.

Presumably every actor thinks all the women in the audience are crazy about him, when as a matter of fact more than half of them sit through



out the play and pity the actress whose part it compels her to kiss the duffer who is losing cognition at every pore.

And there ought to be some process of law by which cognition could be taken out of the man who gets so full of it that his health is endangered.

We gather from his letter to Capper that Governor Bruce, too, has had his troubles with the proforeuder.

Having trouble with the proforeuder, however, is the ultimate fate of every man who attains to the greatness of writing for publication and also of those slaves who write the newspapers.

The proforeuder, it should be understood, is usually a care-free individual who doesn't care three whoop whether school keeps or not.

Also by looking over it afterwards you can see that the proforeuder has done the things to your staff which the intelligent compositor neglected.

But it would be well for some persons to remember that there is such a thing as justifiable homicide.

And the average jury is pretty well informed on that subject.

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SOME GOSSIP ABOUT MEN.

William Marconi is among those who will be appointed senator New Year's day by King Emmanuel of Italy.

Vice Admiral Estrada of the Spanish navy, on board the dreadnought Esmeralda, will represent Spain at the inauguration of the Panama canal.

Former President William Howard Taft has promised the senate Philippines committee to testify after the Christmas holidays on the bill for ultimate independence of the Philippines.

Henry Stenkiewicz, author of "Quo Vadis" and holder of the 1905 Nobel prize for literature, has been elected honorary member of the Russian Academy of Science—an unique honor.

Col. Daniel Corman, Seventh Infant.

ry, who stands No. 1 on the list of colonels, has left Fort Leavenworth for Portland, Me., where he will remain until February 8, next, when he will have reached the age of retirement.

Henry Noble McCracken, professor of English at South College, Northampton, Mass., has been appointed president of Vassar College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. James Monroe Taylor.

Charles Sumner Bird, Progressive candidate for governor of Massachusetts in 1912 and 1913, has purchased the Boston Daily Advertiser and the Boston Evening Record. His son Francis W. Bird, of New York, will be the publisher.

Prof. William W. Campbell of the Lick observatory and a member of the University of California astronomy department has announced the discovery of a ninth satellite of the planet Jupiter. In addition to the eighth satellite of the same planet, the ninth moon of Jupiter is one of the very few among millions of stars to move about its orbit in a west to east motion.

Glen H. Curtiss is to build another trans-Atlantic flying boat for Rodman Wanamaker and the over the ocean flight will be started as soon after the new boat is ready as weather conditions permit. Recently the flying boat, America was sold to the British admiralty and shipped to England. Some excellent flights have been reported with the Wanamaker-Curtiss machine abroad.

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